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ABSTRACT:

The telephone card is for use with freephone telephone services (eg 0800 numbers in UK). It takes the form of a standard telephone card, but has no telephone units stored on it. The card is issued by a business and programmed to allow the owner to telephone that business at the business' expense. The card may be linked to other smart cards, eg Eurocard, private medical insurance card. The same chip may be programmed for freephone services, or a second chip may be added to the card.